

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 with the following paragraph.

The present invention generally comprises a fuel intake device 10 for a fuel intake system of a vehicle such as an automobile, boat, etc. As shown in the attached drawings, Fig. 1 – 4B, the fuel intake device 10 generally includes a cylindrical or tubular intake body or pipe 12, generally formed from a metal material such as aluminum or other types of corrosion resistant material such as various synthetics or plastic materials. As shown in Figs. 1 – 3, the pipe 12 generally is cylindrical, although other shapes and configurations also can be used, and typically is mounted within a larger cylindrical base portion 13 that will be pivotally mounted within a recess or well 14 (Fig. 1 and 4A) of a vehicle, by a pivot pin or rod 16. Alternatively, as shown in Figs. 4A and 4B, the base 13 can be of a reduced size sufficient to support the intake pipe 12 so as to define a valve ~~15 (Fig. 2)~~ between the intake pipe 12 and a vehicle fuel inlet pipe 17. As a result, the intake pipe 12 of the fuel intake device 10 is enabled to pivot from a closed position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4B, to an open position as illustrated in Figs. 1, 3 and 4A, by being rotated in the direction of arrows 18 and 18' (Figs. 3 and 4A).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 18 with the following paragraph.

As shown in Figs. 7A and 8A, the cylinder 51 generally includes a body 58 having opposed ends 59 and 61 at which the hinge pins 53 are mounted, and a

cover portion 62 formed or mounted along an upper side portion thereof. The cover portion 62 is adapted to close and seal the housing when the cylinder is in a non-operative, closed position, and can include a sealing material such as a rubberized or silicone gasket applied about the edge of the cover so as to form a substantially airtight seal with the edges of the housing. As indicated in Figs. 7A and 8A, the cylinder body further includes a recessed or cut-away portion 63 having a nozzle passage or port 64 formed at one end thereof. As the cylinder is rotated with the raising of the lid, the nozzle port 64 is moved into registration or communication with an opening 65 in the inner housing 52 and the inlet end 66 (Fig. 8B) of the vehicle fuel inlet pipe.